

# Complacency or Conspiracy Collusion or Coercion

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The Medical Role in  
Government Atrocity in the  
Twentieth Century

Hegemony to Holocaust

Genocide: the Greatest Form of  
Human Rights Abuse





# Evil

- We may not believe in the Devil these days but we continue to demonize dictators so that we are not forced to see them for what they really are --- a shadow of ourselves.
- The embodiment of our darkest fears, a reflection of what we could become if we abandoned the conventional rules of conduct and indulged our basest instincts.
- Paul Roland 2009



# Thomas Percival Physician 1740—1804

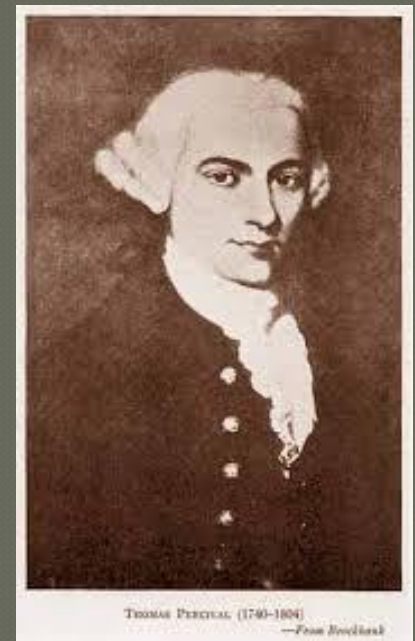
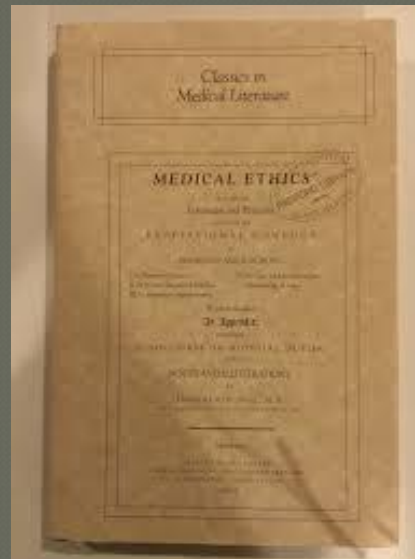
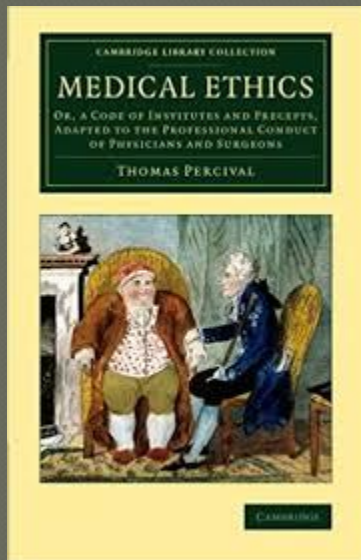
## Manchester UK

### 1803 Medical Ethics

JAMA 1965;194(12):1319-1320

Code adopted by AMA in 1847

No Mention of Experimentation or consent





# Recommended Reading

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Robert Jay Lifton --books and publications

BMJ: Journal of Medical Ethics

2011 Vol 38 no 7 Alessandra Colaianni

BMJ: 1996 December 7th No 7070 Vol 313

Paul Roland—Several books on Nazis, Hitler and  
Psychology/Philosophy

Tom Beauchamp: The Legacy and Contemporary Relevance of Nazi  
Physicians 2013 Cary M Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility  
Southern Methodist University, Dallas





We must not forget

The British invented the Concentration Camps in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anglo Boer War

My grandmother in Winburg, Brandfort , lost 5 siblings

Indifference of British doctors led to Church based and Irish women and Nuns offering care and conflict with RAMC doctors

My generation lived through racial politics after 1947-8

WWII the Ossewa Brandwag was openly sympathetic to the Nazis-- Robey Leibbrandt (1938 Great Trek commemoration)

Alleged there was a laissez-faire attitude to human dignity enabling transplantation forging ahead (Lord Raymond Hoffenberg papers)

We were involved—Milieu aided earlier transplant situation and experimentation. Raymond Hoffenberg, BMJ 2001 Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>.





# Anglo Boer war Camps

The War at Home---Women and Families in the Anglo Boer War  
Bill Nasson & Albert Grundlingh

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Empire...I've heard of it, of course. Oh Yes wasn't it in Africa, where we Brits invented the Concentration Camp.

Raymond Briggs , The Olde Magazine 297, July 2013

Diseases without treatment nor antibiotics

22,000 Boer Children, my grandmothers 5 siblings---Diphtheria.

Many more Black children

TB, Typhus, Typhoid, Measles, Scurvy, Malaria, Heart Disease(Boer Genetics)

Boer women used traditional remedy successfully--my ex-wife,  
Borstal cough syrup (Morphine) BUT DIGITALIS and others were  
not growing in camps

Gender bias plus impotence of doctors, strained relationships

Clean water was unavailable and smallpox was no more in Europe,  
plague, typhus, cholera, typhoid and diphtheria were rife outside  
Europe.



## Doctors and Women

- Conflict of Doctors
- Social, “High-minded” (arrogant), doctors hoped for colonial appointments, women were disenfranchised in Britain

- Boer women traditionally treated illness but plants were unavailable in camps

Chlorodyne (Laudanum or morphine) for abdo cramps, used in my childhood home

Cannabis and chloroform

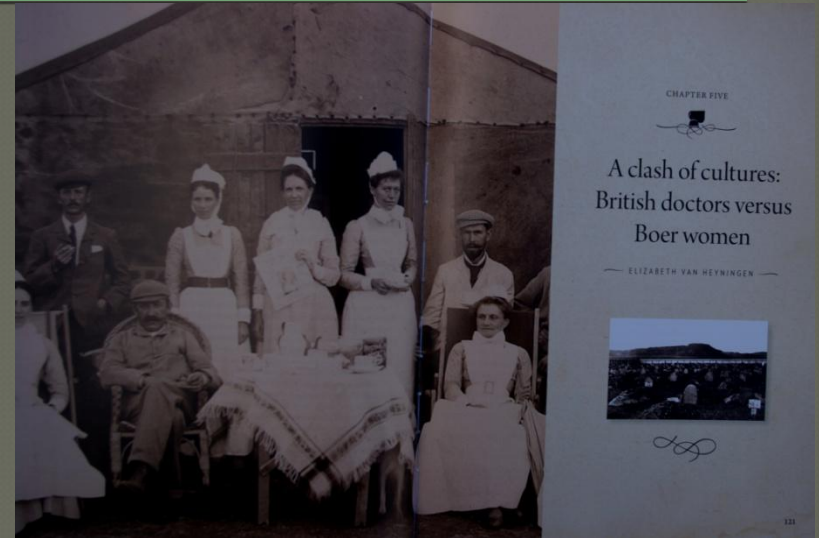
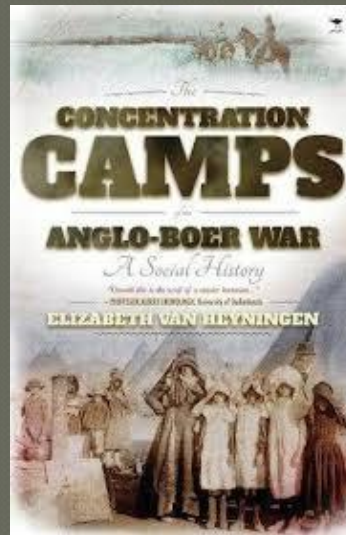
Digitalis (Foxglove)

- Eventually Emily Hobhouse, Welsh and Irish nurses assisted and brought attention to issues.





# 2<sup>nd</sup> anglo-boer war

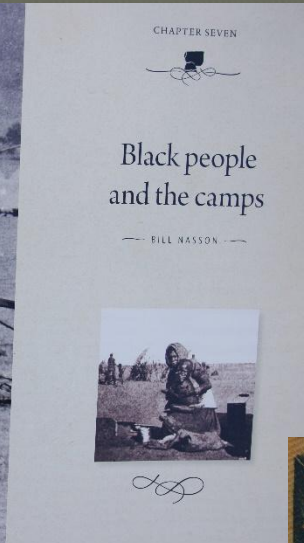




# Black Southafricans and the Anglo-Boer war

## Ambulance orderlies

### Abused at Mafeking as buffer between Brits and Boers







# Ossewa Brandwag and Broederbond

JJ Hansie v Rensburg, JJ vd Walt, Robey Leibbrandt, Adv Jerling



## BOODSKAP AAN DIE MOEDERS VAN ONSE VOLK

DEUR

Mev. (Pres.) M. T. STEYN

Geestelike Moeder van haar Volk



VOEL seker met my dat dit 'n voorreg was om Afrikaner te wees, en die wonderjaar van 1938 te belewe.

Die Suidelike Ooswatrek was 'n ingewing van die Heer om ons volk op latereende wyse weer verhoed te maak met die smet en stryd waarvan die Pad van Suid-Afrika getuig. Dit het meer gelees. Dit het ons volk teruggevoer van die dwaalweg, en die leers was ondergang, bedreig, gelowig en verenigd te soewin.

Die stas van volharding, van moedersmaat en kinderwee, wat deur die Ooswatrek in hierdie Eendragtse opstand bevestigend het ons volk gesproke het, roep tot dierf en daad. Die Volkseer moet weer getrek word toe stude die magte wat ons met



Ek is baie dankbaar dat die ATKV (SAS en H) wat saam met die Ooswatrek prestasie het, ook die bevestiging daarvan deur hierdie Gedenkboek vir ons volk wil bewaar.

M. T. Steyn



51, Kenwood Court,  
Edith Cavell St.,  
Johannesburg.  
11/10/44.

Geaagter Mevrouw,

Ek is nou 'n member van hierdie organisasie en baie bly dat ek kan vir jou so se.

Die Kommandant het vir my gese dat julle was baie bly om ons seuns te opgeput en vra vir jou asseblief if jou kan ek en my familie (een kind ek dink) akkomodasie gee van die middle van Desember tot die middle Januarie.

Dit moet 'n baie groot en mooi kamer gewees met 'n kykuit van die venster vorentos van die see en 'n uit-lavatory ook.

Ons sal nie too much eet nie as ons sal die hole dag gaan swem jy moenie ons too baie gecharge. Ons het nie wireless or hond.

Ons wil nie en agter kamer he nie of een vat vol spiders is nie.

Jy moet vir my gou let ~~xxx~~ know as ek moet die engels se Bogger sturrack gaan sien vir en koop-pay te kry.

Ek moet nou vir jou baie danke gese vir die book en die birthday kard en die telegram ook. Ek is jamer ek het nie vir jou sooner geskryf maar ek was baie besig. Die book is baie mooi.

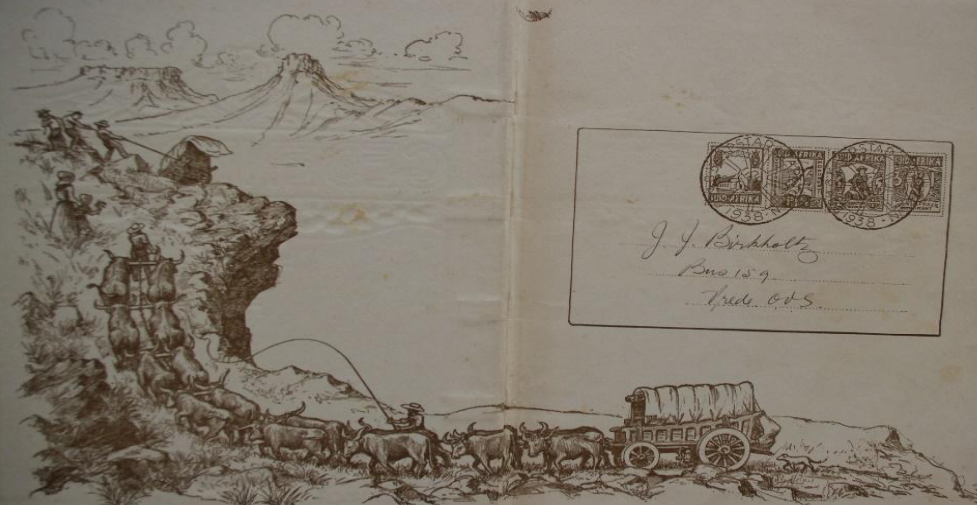
Ek moet vir jou advise dat as jy will potatoes en alles kry dan moet jy ook en member van hierdie broederbond become.

Jy kan en badge gekry van elke van die bazaars vit 2/6, dan is jy en seun maar as jy will en Kaptain wees jy moet 5/- bettal. Stuur vir my eenel dan kan jy 'n Kommandant wees.

Groete van die familie especially to Ouma.

Totseens

*Pasi*







# Armenian Holocaust

## Extermination 1.5 Mill Armenians

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April 1914 -17                      some until 1923

Initially murder of about 270 intellectual leaders moved  
from Istanbul to Ankara region

Ottoman Turks “Young Turks”

Marched south to Syria after initial move and killings in  
Ankara region

Second Most studied Genocide

1943 Raphael Lemkin first coined the phrase Genocide—  
Killing of a group for Race, Ethnicity or Belief

Goring was concerned with Hitler's proposals for Mass  
Murder ---- Hitler answered:

The World did nothing about Armenia and will do  
nothing about Germany





# Rafal Lemkin

## 1943 Genocide

B Poland 1900 ( Lviv, Lvov) Polish Jew

Escaped to Sweden pre-WW II

Moved to USA Duke and Rutgers

Universities

Studied Holocausts and Genocides

Taught and Wrote papers on study  
and prevention of Genocide until  
1950s

Attorney, Influential in Nuremberg  
Trial

East West Street by Philippe Sands  
2016



# Lvov (Lviv Lwow) lawyers

RAFAL LEMKIN

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GENOCIDE



HERSCH LAUTERPACHT

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CRIMES AGAINST  
HUMANITY





2019

- ◉ Ethical Oath
- ◉ FIRST DO NO HARM
- ◉ Start WW II 1939
- ◉ UCT 150 1979
- ◉ D-day: June 6<sup>th</sup> 1944      75 years





# My Contact with Things German

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Godmother Dorothea Fusslein Natal sugar farm for holidays

Morkel, Baumann, Ellerman families  
Father had appreciation of German engineering, planes, cars, trains, optics, music--von Karajan was a Nazi(Mitlauer)

Dichotomy because of Military background and Jewish friends



# Doctors and Drivers

Mercedes R Seaman R Carraciola

Auto Union

B Rosemeyer

T Nuvolari

Mario Massacuratti SAGP winner 1938

Nuvolari's cousin

Rosemeyer's wife was Hitler's favourite lady pilot

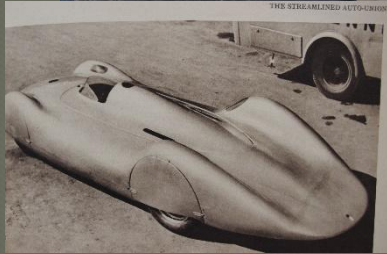
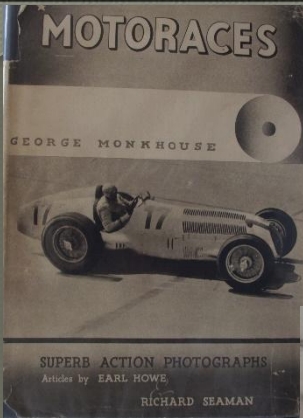
Elly Beinhorn

Rosemeyer son was orthopaedic registrar GSH 1973

Prof Gai Harrison brought 2 Germans to Anaes Dept in 1972-4, both found  
Anti-Semitic

Werner Disse SS Gruppenfuhrer UCT Anaes 1972  
SS Uniform Mercedes 170D

● Jurgen Weber







## Zeiss Marklin Schuco Kohler

....and Krupp supplied SAR & H with locomotives after 1948  
Krupp DB8 shunting CT Harbour





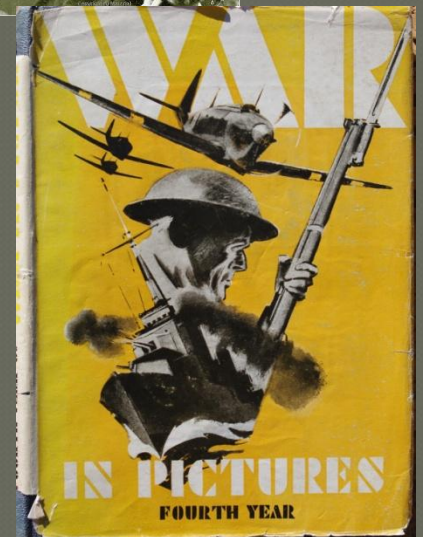
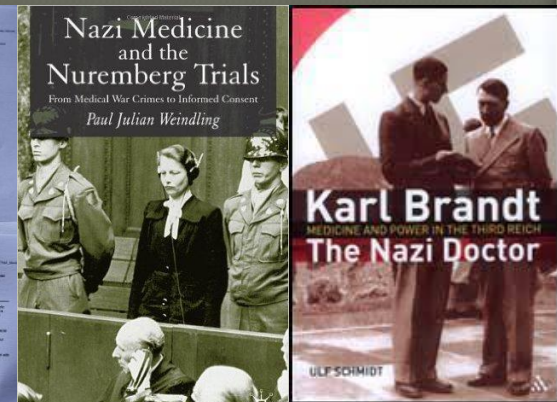
# My Change 1961

- Rise and Fall of Third Reich (Paul Rishell, Sylvania)

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- First release of films of Holocaust in cinemas
- Personally had difficulty understanding that such a nation had tolerated Nazi terror and atrocity
- Read widely and started collection of documents
- 4<sup>th</sup> generation Sea Point, Sea Point BJS and SACS schooling had large contingent Jewish friends  
Cohen, Slovin, Joffe, Sacca, Comaroff , Anstey, Ginsberg, Modlin, Centner, Levy, Levine, Fialkov, Sher, Gersholowitz  
Familiarity with Cheder, Candlesticks and Rosh Hashonnah



# Bricks and a Paper Trail







## Rowland Brice (b April 20<sup>th</sup>) Sea Point/Rocklands boy

Captured Tobruk with 40,000 Allied by Rommel

POW escaped 4 times and spent some months in Dachau after Italian Partisan association

Artefacts show the total German obsession with record and detail—His card sent home about health circumstances

ID band

Many of guards at Southern Camps were Muslims from Bosnia and Croatia--Prisoners warned about mutilation if escaping into Jugoslavia

Assessed by SS doctors at Dachau

Lifelong fear of SS, execution and beating

“I was Camping near a little town called Dachau” disturbed my Munich/Graz neighbours as they enthused on his German and the bucolic area near the SchwartzWald and how fortunate he had been to spend time there

My friend Evan Morkel (Son of Phil Morkel—your 2 year guarantee store) was visiting with his Leipzig fraulein and Rowland suddenly went white and left.

Phoned later explaining déjà vu he saw Evan as an SS officer who had threatened to execute him

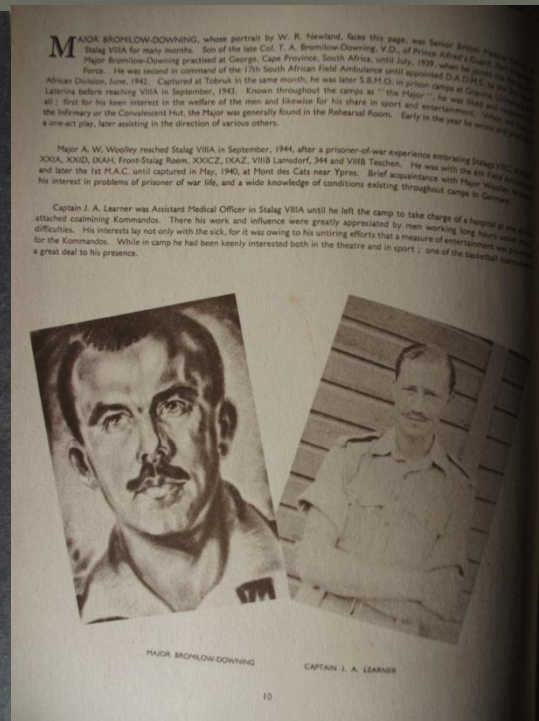
Phils wife Eva was German and nicknamed “the Bitch of Belsen” by my father, ironically all very close

PTSD still in 2000 after 55 years





16 years old





# Preamble

## NSDAP

- National Socialist Democratic Workers (Arbeiders) Party  
NAZI Party by others

## Chancellery Dept for Involuntary Euthanasia (Gnadentod)

- For people deemed incurably sick *after most critical medical examination*  
AKTION T4 after postwar abbreviation on Tiergartenstrasse 4 address

## Purification of Germanic (Aryan) Races— Final Solution

- Breeding, kidnapping, then elimination by starvation, CO poisoning in sealed trucks, firing squads, Death Camps
- HOLOCAUST is post war term

## HakenKreuz Not Swastika (Indian, Hindu, Buddhist, Sanskrit)

Clockwise off-centre cross—national German flag from 1935.



# **An Examination of the Events and History Leading to the Period between WWII and Nuremberg**



**Influence on  
World Ethics**

**Morality  
Medical Research  
Human Dignity  
Human Rights**

**Karl Brandt  
Leonardo Conti**



# References regarding Timeline NSDAP and Hitler

- 1% of German Population joined the SS
- 7% of Medical Profession joined the SS
- 50% Medical Profession joined Nazi Party

## NOT:

History of Nazis

Hitler, Mein Kampf (1924), the insane insomniac, Austrian, a German citizen only from 25 2 1932

Holocaust alone: the “Final Solution” (Operation Reinhardt) to the “Jewish Question” applied in earnest from 1941-post Stalingrad and after 1942 decrees(Wannsee)

List of Atrocities and Murder

## IS:

Exploration of Nazi Influence on mainly:

Upper Middle Class Industrialists and Physicians



# Brief reminder of NSDAP Nazi Party fertility

- HITLER b 20 4 1889 Austria, WW I corporal, joins German workers party 1919
- 1918 Infighting/Murders split off of Social Democrats from Communist Party faction—Karl Liebnitz & Rosa Luxemborg
- 1919 Treaty of Versailles “Stab in the Back” with Reparations, Emasculation of Germany economically and militarily
- 1920 NSDAP formed
  - 1921 SA (Brownshirts) formed
  - 1923 Munich Putsch and NSDAP banned
  - 1924 April Hitler sentenced to 5 years, released December—Mein Kampf started, assisted by Father Staempfle, later murdered in 1934
  - 1925 NSDAP reformed
    - SS formed
    - Hindenberg Chancellor
  - 1925-30 Organization of NSDAP



1930 NSDAP gains 107 seats in Reichstag elections

1932 Hitler becomes German citizen

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Defeated by Hindenburg in Presidential election

SA and SS banned for 2 months

1932 May 30 von Papen chancellor

July NSDAP win 230 of 608 seats

NSDAP growth

November NSDAP lose seats to total 196

1933 Jan: Negotiations with new Chancellor von Schleicher, Bankers and Industrialists

Hindenburg eventually appoints Hitler Chancellor

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> : Reichstag fire, blamed communists (Marinus van der Lubbe)

March 5<sup>th</sup>: Last Multiparty elections, NSDAP 288 seats 44%

March 24<sup>th</sup>: Enabling Law prevents Communist votes in Reichstag



# Fertility for Seeds of Nazism

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- Versailles stab in the back
- Devaluation of currency—Money Money Money
- 1929 World recession
- Movement of Rural Peasants into cities, eroding middle class power
- Perpetuation of Anti Bolshevik-Semitic influence, fear and hatred(Rothschilds to Trosky)
- International writings on Untermensch & Ubermensch
- The events of early 1933 are CRITICAL to evaluation of Medical Professions actions contrary to Allied Experts opinions at Nuremberg



# Nuremberg Doctors Trial

## December 1946

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- Slippery Slope      Prof L Alexander
- Sudden Subversion      Profs A C Ivy and Alexander
- Medical Experts/Consultants advising US Counsel at the Doctors Trial December 1947 According to Documents from 1933 these two pronouncements are severely flawed historically



**TIMELINES TO REFUTE NUREMBERG EXPERT WITNESSES**  
**OPINION**  
**BMJ Dec 1996**  
**Hartmut Hanauske-Abel Prof Paediatrics NY College**  
**Hospital**

Documents and Records from 1933 leading German Medical  
Journals

*Deutsches Arzteblatt, Munchener Medizinische Wochenschrift*  
(National Socialist Journals not used—*Ziel und Weg*)

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1933

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Hitler appointed chancellor by Hindenburg  
March 5<sup>th</sup> elections NSDAP 43.9% Intimidate and declare victory

March 12<sup>th</sup> Dr Haedekamp -Hartmannbund (M Ass) ExO  
declares: The Opposition has no chance of overturning the plans  
of the Reich

March 21<sup>st</sup> Parliament opened

Dr A Stauder President of Hartmannbund and Deutsche  
Artzvereinsbund (main Med Associations) meets with NSDAP in  
Munich



# NO Slippery Slope

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- March 21<sup>st</sup> Stauder telegraphs Hitler:
- “..Principal Professional organizations welcome the firm determination of
- The Government of National Renewal....
- ....Gladly place themselves at the service of this great patriotic task”
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Nuremberg: Stauder meets with Nazis and Dr G Wagner becomes Commissioner of both Med Associations
- March 30<sup>th</sup> Stauder resigns and Nazi Dr Wagner takes over—Unanimous Vote





*Title page of 1 July 1933  
issue of Deutsches  
Ärzteblatt (editor:  
Dr K Haedenkamp)*

# a new journal

- This edition set out as Guardians of Genetic Integrity and racial purity and cleansing
- Max Planck on 14<sup>th</sup> July:

“Herr Reichsminister (interior), I am honoured to most humbly inform you that the Kaiser Wilhelm Society for the Advancement of Sciences is willing to systematically serve the Reich in all aspects pertinent to the research in racial hygiene.”



# Medical ProfessionNumbers

## NSDAP (NAZI)

1920-1 NSDAP Medical Assn  
Leonardo Conti (NSDAB)

1933 14000 plus members

No Women members

1933 March 30<sup>th</sup> 70,000  
6% Nazis already

Women allowed Obstetrics  
and Dermatology

## CIVILIAN MEDICAL ASSNS

1933 52000 plus members

Women  
Jews

Jews could only work with  
Jews or in ghettos



# The Sudden Subversion Theory Myth Persisted

## INSIDE GERMANY

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- Official view of German Chamber of Physicians:
- “Rape” of Profession by Nazis
- Dr K Vilmar, President, until 1990s
- “When Physicians were able to see clearly it was too late to do anything”



# Human Dignity in the Nazi Era. Implications for contemporary Bioethics

Donal P O'Mathuna, Biomed Central March 14<sup>th</sup> 2006

## SOCIAL DARWINISM

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Survival of the Fittest applied to eugenics

Galton, revered by Nazis, was Darwin's cousin

Beliefs part of hospital training and Social Philosophies

Biological Laws applied to Humans

Population growth

Resources limited

Selection of a stronger species and others extinct

## PERSONS

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- Herbert Spencer

- Charles Darwin "Origin of Species"—Natural Selection, not Applied

- 1871 Darwin first accepted this could affect Man's evolution

- "Descent of Man" A new time of human dignity and ethics



# The Nature of Ethics changed after Nuremberg

E O Wilson Sociobiology: A new Synthesis(Harvard Biology Professor) 1975 - 2015

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- Following on the Nazi Era:
- All Human Behaviour can be explained within an evolutionary framework
- Belief in Morality is an adaptation to further Reproductive ends
- Ethics is an illusion fobbed off by our genes to get us to co-operate.
- With Denial of Transcendental Ethics, physical risks and benefits become the way to ethical decisions



# The Nazis twisted Medical Ethics

Irish Times Jan 15 2017

Florian Bruns, Tessa Chelouche Annals of Internal Medicine

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- New Curriculum in Nazi Germany 1933
- *NEW* Ethics was compulsory subject
- Eugenics/Selective Breeding/no Individual rights
- Welfare of society as a whole
- Racial Hygiene
- Medical Law and Professional Ethics
- Uber/Unter mensch
- Removal of undesirable “pathogens”: Jews, Gypsies (Roma), hereditary diseased, disabilities



# MORALITY

## Propensity or Potential for Evil or Good

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- Function of the Ventral Prefrontal Cortex Site-  
Potentially Inherent in All  
Median Raphe-Serotonin release determines  
acceptance of detrimental offers, -GABA 5HTT
- Learned Response-Environmental
- Variation in Era Mores or Law
- Circumstantial Variation-Survival or Collective
- Social Conformity-Peer Pressure-Fitting in : “Dare”





**NEW SCIENTIST 2011/ Dec 2012**

**Humans are born with a need to seek a belief in a Creator or System**





# Use of Religion or Belief in Influencing Followers

- The Philosophers all initially had strict religious upbringing in childhood
- Catholic or Calvinistic
- Morality was based on the Changing Mores after perceived Medieval Morality where Killing, Knightly Codes, Death without Trial were respected
- Nazis NSDAP used this combining it with ancient codes from Celtic Nordic Germanic to Hindu with ancient Symbols & Runes as script
- Alfred Rosenberg writings were to replace Negative Christianity disregarding original sin, Jewish influence, with Positive Christianity and Chamberlain's influence that Jesus was a misplaced Indo-European Nordic Galilean enclave member fighting Judaism – *The Myth of the Twentieth Century* 1930 was placed on Romes *Index Librorum Prohibitorum* 1934
- **National Reich Church of Germany**, Mein Kampf on the altars, Swastika replacing Crucifix, Saints removed



# Roman Catholic Church, Martin Luther, Religious beliefs

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- Few Bishops stood up to Nazis and in August 1933 signing of Concordat with Vatican, Hitlers first important foreign affairs success.
- Luther himself was a violent antisemite and racialist.
- Judaism started suffering with boycott of Jewish business in 1933, Pogrom in November 1938 (Reichskristallnacht)
- Pope Pius XI (b Giovannini) criticized for not speaking out but now believed to have given written absolution and agreement to Catholic Klaus von Staufenberg for Hitler Assassination





# Alfred Rosenberg

1893 – 1946 hanged Nuremberg

- Baltic born Nazi Ideologue writer policy influence
- Architecture At Riga University
- Some doubted he was even German
- Influenced by American Huston Chamberlain—The Foundations of the Nineteenth Century
- Hitler found him weak and entrusted him to lead the Party when in prison after Beer Hall Putsch 1923
- Editor Volkischer Beobachter from 1923
- Racial book The Myth of the Twentieth Century 1930 was hardly read by Nazis but proposed Racial Theory, Aryanism, Anti-Semitism, Homophobia



## Rosenberg

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- Reshaped Nazi Racial Policy
- Influenced by Stoddard *The Revolt against Civilization: The Menace of the Under Man* 1922
- Concept of the *Untermensch* in line with Nietzsche
- The Swamp( *Der Stumpf* )1927 regarding homosexuality hindering Nordic expansion
- Ambivalent about Slavs—dismissed by Hitler
- Reich Minister for Eastern Territories



# Philosophers

- There has always been argument to what extent the Nazis were influenced by philosophers and ethics or whether there was any serious conscious reference to philosophical ideas
- Many of the German philosophers came from backgrounds of religiosity, controlling parents, uncertain parental sanity and truth in parental spousal associations
- Nietzsche with his theory of Übermensch and Untermensch is regularly quoted. He was only really active for ten years after which his sister took control of his life, ideas and statements. Recently (2017) it is believed he suffered from CARASIL (Cerebral Autosomal Recessive Arteriopathy with subcortical infarcts and leuko encephalopathy) leading to his dementia.
- Hitler certainly followed Richard Wagner, his music, antisemitism and corruption of Darwinian theory into racialistic premise.



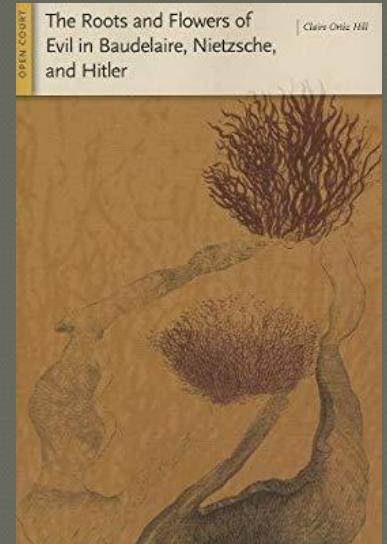
# EVIL: not an entity/ a constructive idea

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Baudelaire, Nietzsche and Hitler  
Claire Ortiz 2006

The Banality of Evil—Eichmann  
Hannah Arendt 1964

Arendt was a time a lecturer at Yale and there remains some ambivalence about her associations with Heidegger the SS Philosopher who died in 1976





# Austro-Germanic Philosophers

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Martin Heidegger 1889 -1976 SS

- ◉ Friedrich Nietzsche 1844 – 1900
- ◉ Gottfried Leibniz 1646 - 1716
- ◉ Georg Hegel 1770 – 1831
- ◉ Arthur Schopenhauer 1788 -1860
- ◉ Immanuel Kant 1724 – 1804





# Philosophy's Shameful Love for the Swastika

Yvonne Sherratt 2013

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- Much has been written that Hitler probably did not care nor have the intellect to be influenced by philosophy in spite of the rantings of Nietzsche
- Not so the philosophers like Martin Heidegger



# The German Medical Ethical Obsession 19th Century to 1933

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Germany was obsessed with Medical Ethics and Care  
Otto von Bismarck started the first national Medical  
Insurance in 1883

50 years later the new Nazi ethics were applied and  
doctors competed for access to income—increased two  
thirds after 1933

By 1920 (Weimar time) Psychiatrist Alfred Hoche with  
Lawyer Karl Binding published;

**“Allowing the Destruction of Life Unworthy of Living”**

How Ethics Failed—The Role of Psychiatrists and Physicians in Nazi  
Programs from Exclusion to Extermination. Jutta Lindert , Yael Stein et al  
Public Health Review V 34 No 1 2013



# Spina Bifida, Hydrocephalus, Paralysis

Profs Catel, Heinze, Wentzler, Unger from Reich Ministry of Interior,  
Rudin from Kaiser Wilhelm Institute.  
Death by Injection, oral drugs or starvation.



HAND IT TO HER... premature baby Cherie Blakely, who underwent a spine operation the day after she was born

Picture: AMBROSE PETERS

## Welcome to the world, little miracle



...cyst which contained spinal fluid and nervous tissue. The spinal tube hadn't closed properly." He said the operation was made more difficult by an under-developed respiratory centre and the need to control Cherie's temperature during the operation. "Her lungs are not properly developed, so we can't give too much oxygen," he said. He said a 2mm tube was placed in the baby's throat to keep her breathing. "To control the temperature of a tiny baby is a major problem because they lose body heat so easily. Their body surface is far greater than their body mass. So we used an infra-red lamp and a warming blanket."

- Spina Bifida we repair on neonates of a few hours old weighing 500 gms
- This infant we repaired many other bowel, cardiac and gynae problems over years.
- I worked with Neurosurgeon DeVilliers-Hamman who remained in Germany during the war and returned to Cape Town, in spite of critical aspersion as to his reason for not leaving Germany. Many victims.





# Antisemitism

## Treblinka doctors triage

The Nazi fixation: Hitler and NSDAP writings, policy and plans  
European- Russian fixation for centuries

Hitler had Jewish background, Schicklgruber/Franckenberger

Hitler was ambivalent of Dr Bloch who both cared for his mother  
Klara with her CA breast but replaced Hitler who was absent  
Hitler blamed the Jewish majority committee who declined his entry  
to art school

The expulsion and removal of Jewish Medical Professionals  
Supported by Medical Associations

Austria: Innsbruck and Vienna at time of Anschluss 1938-- 200  
banished

**Support of Medical Profession was necessary for  
“Legitimization” of Final Solution (Reinhardt)(Holocaust)  
in triage of “Weak” “Diseased” at Camp arrival**



## World Antisemitism AAC and CARA

- Roosevelt government openly racist and anti-semitic— major advisors were Jewish (Morgenthau, Cohen, Rosenman, Frankfurter)
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- AAC-Academic Assistance Council (1933), SPSL-Society for Protection of Science and Learning(1936) became CARA—Council for at Risk Academics (1999)
  - In 1933 William Lord Beveridge (Economist) realized risk to academics on a visit to Vienna and founded AAC in April 1933, later joined by Lord Rutherford
  - 41 British Intellectuals with Secretary Esther Simpson
  - Neurophysiologist A V Hill
  - J S Haldane
  - Lord Rayleigh , Lord Hopkins, Lord Bragg
  - Nobel prize winners, they set out to save academics from Europe initially
  - Over 10,000 a year to UK while only 30 a year to USA  
Only Princeton donated to AAC
  - October 1933 Einstein en route to Princeton gave a speech on academic freedom in the Royal Albert Hall to over 10,000



# Austria Anschluss and Irvin

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The Medical Vintage Vienna 1998

Van Swieten and the Renaissance of the Vienna Medical School 2001 (with Kidd M)

At the Anschluss in 1938 Vienna had more Nobel Prize winners for Medicine- 13- than any other city  
All were expelled and 200 Faculty members Because they were not *Aryan*, mostly Jews

**Irvin Modlin**

Professor of Gastroenterology Surgery, Nobel Prize Awards Committee

Received every prize at UCT Med School except Surgery in 5<sup>th</sup> year (Dave Smith)

Hunterian Professor, my friend since 1957

His father also a Hunterian professor of Urology with Jack Levin his anaesthetist  
I anaesthetized him for his CABG in 1979 and Barnards overloaded him with fluid post op near death and  
Irvin stood up to them in ICU saving him

Matric with us here

Sakkie Meeuwssen---Bodystat

Derrick Wagenfeld—Ear implants

Michael Bond -Rhodes scholar suicide

Norman Schutz—suicide

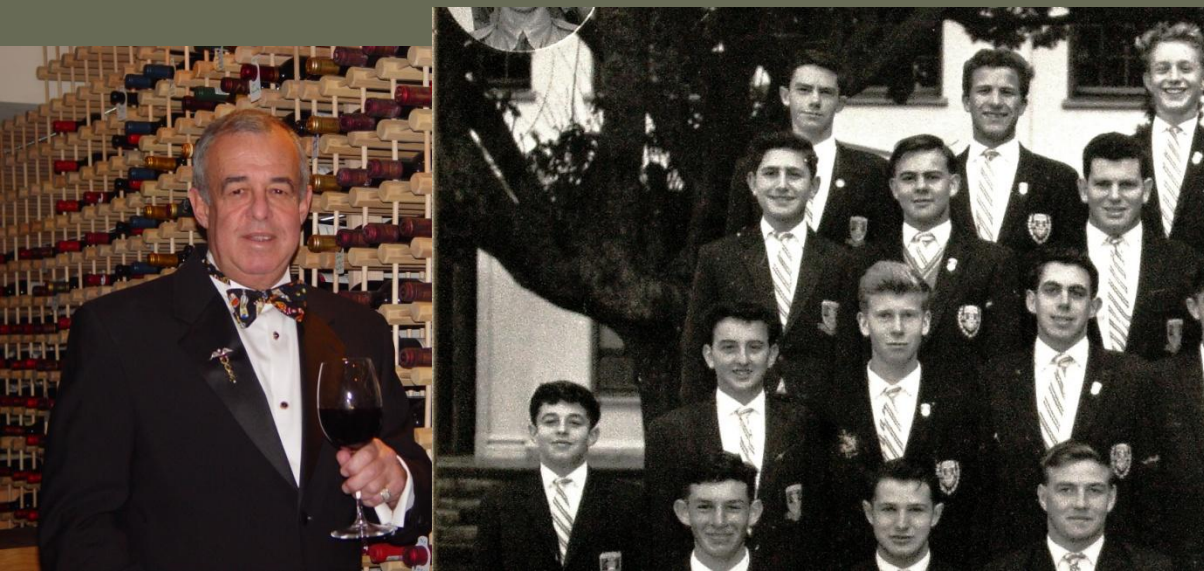
Ian Scheepers Namibia Vet,

Head Tourism

Murdered 1993 Omaruru

Colin Helman—Gastroenterologist

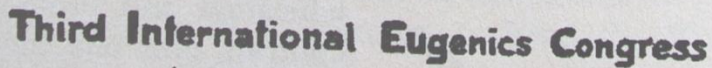
Bruce Oppenheimer—Psychology





## Since Spartan times

### Number 1. History and Purpose of the Congress.



New York City, August 21-23, 1932.



# SS forced Involuntary Euthanasia Gnadentod

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Aktion T4 after Chancellery TiegartedStrasse address from 1940  
From 1939 to 1945 300,000 killed in psychiatric hospitals ( 2013 after East German records freed)  
At Nuremberg figure thought to be 70, 273

- 1939 Hitlers Euthanasia Note, backdated to September 1<sup>st</sup> 1939, appointed Karl Brandt and Phillip Bouhler to implement programme
- Vatican declared it contrary to Divine law but disregarded in Germany and half victims from Catholic institutions.
- Bishop van Galen protested and intervened to no avail.
- Official cessation in 1941 but continued until 1945. 200k in Germany 100k elsewhere in Europe.
- Sterilization of hereditary defect or antisocial behaviour in many countries by Medical Profession: Canada Switzerland Denmark and USA
- Germany was reluctant for sterilization in 1920s but Mein Kampf advocated “racial hygiene” as a deed “greater than our most victorious wars”.
- July 1933 “ Law for prevention of hereditarily diseased offspring”
- Scizophrenia, epilepsy, Huntingtons chorea, imbeciles, later chronic alcoholics
- Social deviants.

DOCTORS WERE REQUIRED TO GIVE “SCIENTIFIC LEGITIMACY” to EUGENICS PROGRAMME



## Aktion T4 2

**Sterilization Programme** started in 1933 and  
360,000 victims after release of Russian figures- in  
1990's only thought 70,000

**Euthanasia programme supposed to stop in 1941,**  
**went on to July 1945**

Selection by special courts

- 1933 Hitler told his physicians, Brandt, Conti, Reichschancellor Lammers he preferred Euthanasia to Sterilization.
- 1935 He told Gerhard Wagner (Nazi Medical "Bund" head) that this would be easier in wartime.
- 1939 July: First euthanasia victim, Gerhard Kretschmar, was evaluated by Brandt after parent's petition for blindness and disability in development.
- Thereafter a new department required registration of birth defects and killing of infants began.
- Reasons given:
  - Cost—60,000 Rmarks in a lifetime of the patient
  - Darwinism—interpreted as justification for beneficial genes
  - Eugenics---advocated from 1920 there were those Lives unworthy of life (lebensunwertes Leben)
  - Lifton writes Nazi idea : as the best were killed in war the remaining genes accelerated degeneration!
  - Antisemites in Health Ministry and purging of Jews





## Killing of Children

Brandt Brack Bouhler Linden Blanckenberg

- Mid 1939: Bernburg, Brandenburg, Grafeneck, Hadamar Hartheim and Sonnenstein Psychiatric hospitals
- 1938 after the Anschluss: Am Spiegelgrund ( Drs Marianne Turk, Margrethe Hubsch, Heinrich Gross)
- Thousands of brains for “research”---PERNKOPF—and these are mostly still there---Heinrich Gross laboratory until 2001.
- Doctors and midwives had to report defects up to 3 years and added later were Down syndrome, spina bifida, malformations
- A DOCTORS PANEL abrogated TO GIVE APPROVAL for killings(phenol)
- Parents were told children were going to special sections  
Robert Lifton: Jewish children (teens) primarily because they were Jewish —special department for “minor Jewish-Aryan halfbreeds”.
- 1945 May 29th: Richard Jenne, last child killed in Kaufbeuren-Irsee (Bavaria)
- Town occupied by Americans 3 weeks earlier.
- Official Unconditional Surrender on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1945.



## Adult Euthanasia

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1939 July

Brandt Conti Bouhler and Prof Werner  
Heyde(Head of SS medical department)

- Ordered National Register of all physical and mental disabilities
- 1939 September 1<sup>st</sup>: Invasion of Poland
- Reinhard Heydrich (Lidice assassination) commanded Rudolf Troger for first en masse killings—Operation Tannenberg—Einsatzkommandos.
- Started in Danzig, Gdynia, Posen—over 30,000.
- First use of gassing chambers (Dr Albert Widman)-CO.
- Immediately spread to adjacent Prussia and Germany.
- Lebensraum and hospital space was required for wounded.
- Justification for legality was Hitlers September 1<sup>st</sup> letter but it was not a formal decree. This stated: authority of physicians, designated by name..., after critical diagnosis, ...considered incurable..granted mercy death.
- Charitable Foundation for Cure and Institutional Care--Tiergarten strasse 4
- Bouhler, Brandt, Grawitz (SS Chief physician), Linden, Unger, Heinze, Pfannmuller. Psychiatrists Schneider, de Crinis, Nitsche.





## 1939 October Programme directive

- All institutions had to report:
- Patients over 5 years in institution
- Criminally insane
- Non Aryan
- Conditions already noted of Schizophrenia, Huntingtons.
- Added: Syphilis, dementia, encephalitis, “Neurological conditions generally”.  
Alcoholism
- Teams of DOCTORS and MEDICAL STUDENTS compiled lists
- 1940 ALL Jewish patients killed.
- Initially Gassing, CO cylinders, killing within 24 hours of arriving at centres for gassing
- Prof Mayer (Moral Theology, Paderborn) stated that churches would not object if in national interest
- OPPOSITION
  - 1) Judge Kreyssig, also a Confessing church member, dismissed
  - 2) Bishop Jan Maria Kowalski killed at Hartheim Euthanasia Centre





# Final Solution (Operation Reinhardt)

## Set up by Aktion T4 doctors and staff

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- ◉ January 20<sup>th</sup> 1942 Wannsee Conference
- ◉ Final Solution of European Jewish Question ( Eindlosing der europaieschen judenfrage)
- ◉ March 1942 built:
  - ◉ Belzec
  - ◉ Sobibor
  - ◉ Treblinka
- ◉ Later used:
  - ◉ Auschwitz-Birkenau
  - ◉ Chelmo



## AKTION T4 OPPOSITION

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- False diagnosis and crematoria smoke led to patient removal and rediagnosis
- **Creutzfeld in Kiel is believed to have saved most of his patients (Creutzfeld-Jacob disease—dementia from brain spongy atrophy-Prion, Mad Cow disease)**
- Lifton rates ignorance, fear or agreement as reasons for majority collaborating.
- Some protests
- Nursing staff
- Lutheran Church
- Bishop Wienken of Berlin conceded only to killing of “Complete idiots”
- Vatican decree in 1940 Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Bishop van Galen in 1941 gave 4 sermons and wrote to Hitler— “the Fuhrer is to defend the people against the Gestapo” and his sermons were dropped on German troops by RAF– Hitler decided to kill him after the War.



# Aktion T4 doctors at Nuremberg

## August 1947

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23 doctors and administrators prosecuted

16 guilty

7 Death Penalty, executed June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1948  
Thousands unpunished

Hadamar Hospital

Pre December 1945 Americans tried 7 staff members of  
Hadamar Centre

4 executed 4 long prison sentences

1946: German courts convicted Wahlmann, Chief  
Physician and Huber, Head Nurse





# Karl Brandt

# Hitler's Physician Head and Spinal Surgeon

- B 1904 Jan 8 Mulhouse (Alsace)
- D 1948 June 2 Landsberg (hanged) Tried to surrender to US troops but arrested by Gestapo
- 1928 surgeon
- Nazi 1932 SA SS, Hitlers inner circle
- Believed rights of Individual were subject to those of the Whole
- Experimenter with Typhus, Malaria, Sulphonamide, CO poisoning
- Set up Aktion T4 Gnadentod—convinced Hitler of need
- Head of Sanitation and Health



# Leonardo Conti SS Obergruppenfuhrer

- B: August 24 1900 Lugano D: October 6 1945 Nuremberg—  
Suicidal Hanging  
Swiss-Italian father, German mother
- Mother: Reich Midwifery Leader
- Medicine: Berlin (Humboldt), Erlangen
- First Nazi doctor--1923 SA
- 1923 Horst Wessel was his patient
- Antisemitic journal (*Kampfbund*) started when 23 years old
- 1927 Organizer NSDAB –*National Socialist German Doctors League*
- SS Appointed by Goring: Head Reich Physicians Chamber
- NSDAB leader, Leader Main Office for Peoples Health
- 1937 President FIMS (International Federation Sports Medicine)  
1939 Reichsgesundheitsfuhrer -- Chief of Health in the Reich



# Conti Responsible for atrocities

- Eugenics---Sterilization
- Action T4---Oversaw programme
- Mass Murder“Racial Hygiene”  
Jews, Poles, Gypsies, Slavs, Russians
- Methods: Gassing trucks, Einsatzgruppen shootings,  
Shower gassing CO: Treblinka, Sobibor,  
Belzec, Chelmno 1942-3  
Shower Zyklon B (Cyanide, Bayer):  
Auschwitz, Majdanek
- 1943 Forensic Investigator Katyn Massacre May 1940  
(22,000 Poles killed by USSR) (CIA Jan 2018)  
(Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019)





# Control of Extermination Camps SS

Himmler

Conti

Heydrich in Poland until assassination

Hans Frank in Poland and East

Eichmann central office control

Regional commanders

Company doctors:

Jaeger with Krupp slave labour

Murder and depraved punishments



## POLAND 1939

- Sept. 1, 1939 Nazis invade Poland
- 3.35 million Jews
- Hans Frank becomes governor of Poland
- Forced labor decree issued and all Jews must wear yellow stars



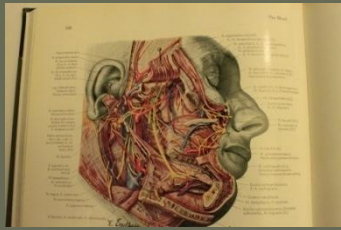
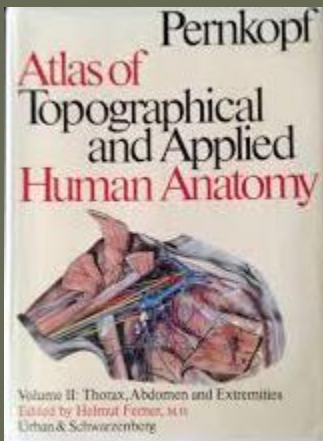
"I ask nothing of Jews except that they should disappear"

POLSKIEGO "POD  
ZASIEDLI NIEMCAMI".

"I AM KEEPING READY ... MY DEATH'S HEAD UNITS, TO KILL MEN WOMEN  
AND CHILDREN OF POLISH BIRTH AND POLISH TONGUE, WITHOUT PITY OR  
MERCY..POLAND WILL BE DEPOPULATED AND GERMANS WILL SETTLE THERE".

ADOLF HITLER OBERSALTZBERG 22.08.1939





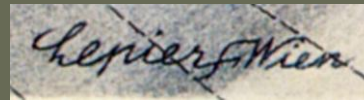
## Eduard Pernkopf 1888-1955

Austrian Anatomist produced a 7 volume Atlas of Anatomy

Recognized as a superb Atlas  
Used by my older Neurosurgeons

Ethical considerations: Mainly Illustrators and Specimens  
Illustrators alleged Nazis with signatures showing Runes and  
Swastikas

Many interviews and denials in last 30 years



Specimens:

Childrens Brains from Austrian Eugenics programme  
Particularly the Head and neck dissections of obvious Jewish  
Subjects



1993 April Dr Howard Israel (Max Fax Columbia) and Dr William  
Seidelman (Physician Toronto) Brought to attention of Holocaust  
Museum and Wiesenthal centre in LA the Nazi connection and Yad

Vashem inquired of Innsbruck

1995 Dr Edzard Ernst, (Prof Vienna) told the story of some  
specimens and Childrens brains in Innsbruck



# Howard Israel (NY) & William Seidelman (Toronto)

## April 1993

### Yad Vashem

## Pernkopf Atlas of Topographical and Applied Human Anatomy

Edited by Helmut Ferner, M.D.

Volume III: Index for the 2nd Edition  
Urban & Schwarzenberg

### JEWISH WORLD

## The Corpses That Won't Die

*A New York doctor turns detective, and traces the origins of the bodies in a classic anatomy book to Nazi labor camps*

JONATHAN BRODER

ONE DAY IN APRIL 1993, Dr. Howard Israel, an oral surgeon at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City, prepared for an operation by doing what he always did beforehand: Reviewing the terrain in his trusted copy of "Pernkopf's Topographical and Applied Human Anatomy," considered a classic reference work for surgeons, specialists and anatomists.

While the doctor studied the book's detailed anatomical paintings, a colleague dropped by the office and casually observed: "Did you know that those cadavers you're looking at may have been victims of Nazi murder?"

It was a remark that would transform Israel's life, turning him into a detective, and ultimately leading him to evidence of a monstrous medical legacy from the Holocaust.

It appears that corpses depicted in Dr. Eduard Pernkopf's book, which was first published in Germany and Austria in 1937 and is still in print in four languages today, include Jewish Holocaust victims. And pieces of those bodies—preserved in formaldehyde for more than 50 years—are still in use as specimens at the University of Innsbruck in Austria.

The evidence, published here exclusively for the first time, has been painstakingly pieced together over the past three years by Dr. Israel and Dr. William Seidelman, a Toronto physician and Holocaust researcher. It has been presented to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and to Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial, which is now pressing Austrian authorities to look into

it. "Who were these people, and how and when did they die? That's the question that we want the Austrians to answer," Israel, 43, told The Jerusalem Report in an interview.

The Pernkopf guide, also published in numerous Spanish and French editions, is highly regarded in the U.S., where it sells for \$175 a copy. The New England Journal of Medicine, reviewing the 1990 edition, called it "outstanding... in a class of its own." The Journal of the American Medical Association described it as "a classic among atlases of anatomy."



The doctor says he became intrigued when his colleague peered at his 1963 English-language edition of the atlas, pointed to the artists' signatures on the paintings, and explained that he had come across a 1943 edition of the book, in which the same signatures appeared with additional adornment—swastikas and SS emblems.

The colleague then pointed out that many of the corpses had coarsely shaven heads, suggesting they might have been prisoners. And he drew Dr. Israel's attention to the fact that a number of the male

corpses depicted were circumcised.

Israel immediately went to the Columbia University medical library to look at earlier editions of Pernkopf's book, and found his colleague's observations to be true. There, in the 1943 and 1944 editions, were the swastikas after the artists' signatures. One artist, named Endresser, cleverly used the twin-lightning bolt symbol of the SS in place of the two 's' letters in his or her name. In Israel's edition, the Nazi symbols had been airbrushed out.

"I was stunned," Israel recalled. Suddenly he faced a terrible ethical dilemma: "Thanks to Pernkopf, I could perform operations in my mind and on paper the night before, knowing every nerve and blood vessel I would encounter the next day," he said. "Yet had I benefited all these years by studying the pictures of Nazi victims? Was Pernkopf a Nazi? I had to know."

Through colleagues, Israel contacted Seidelman, who caused an uproar in West Germany several years ago when he released evidence that several of that country's most prestigious medical schools were using brains and other remains from Nazi victims as anatomical specimens.

Together, Israel and Seidelman began probing Eduard Pernkopf's background. Delving into historical papers, they discovered that four days after Hitler's troops marched into Austria in March 1938, Pernkopf was appointed dean of the medical school at the University of Vienna. They uncovered photographs of Pernkopf in Nazi uniform, addressing a large audience of university staff. And they found one of his speeches, in which Pernkopf summarized the role of doctors in the Nazi state: "To practise your profession, not only in furthering the propagation of the fit, but also in eliminating the unfit and defective... by sterilization and other means."

Other records showed that Pernkopf served as dean until 1943, during which time he published the first two volumes of his anatomical atlas. He then was promoted to president of the university, a position he held until the end of the war. After the war, he was detained by Allied authorities but released without charges. He continued working on the atlas, publishing one more volume in 1952 before he died three years later.

But where did the bodies come from which Pernkopf used for the drawings in his book? Israel and Seidelman found a

● Nuremberg Lamentation: for the forgotten victims of medical science.

● Seidelman, BMJ 1996 313,1463-7

● Dr Edzard Ernst in 1995 published that corpses came from requests to Gestapo.



## The Experiments and the Nuremberg Code 1947

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Experimentation with Expected  
Cure

Experiments with no endpoint nor  
expected result

Atrocity and experiments are well known

### Anaesthetic Related

- 1) Hypothermia experiments, Russians and Jews, iced water immersion, parachute lines behind aircraft.
- 2) High pressure, low pressure and Hypoxia experiments
- 3) Anticoagulation
- 4) Head injury from repetitive blows
- 5) Infection and Sulphonamide treatment

Found best warming was with several prostitutes and lowest temperature recorded for intercourse was 26 Degrees--  
Russian after iced barrel immersion





## The Death Camps : Experimentation and Extermination Waffen SS and SS doctors

Waffen SS had Medical Orderlies/Technicians responsible for carrying out experimentation and determined lives of subjects  
Medical doctors were initially responsible for triage of who would be exterminated and who could live and become slave labour

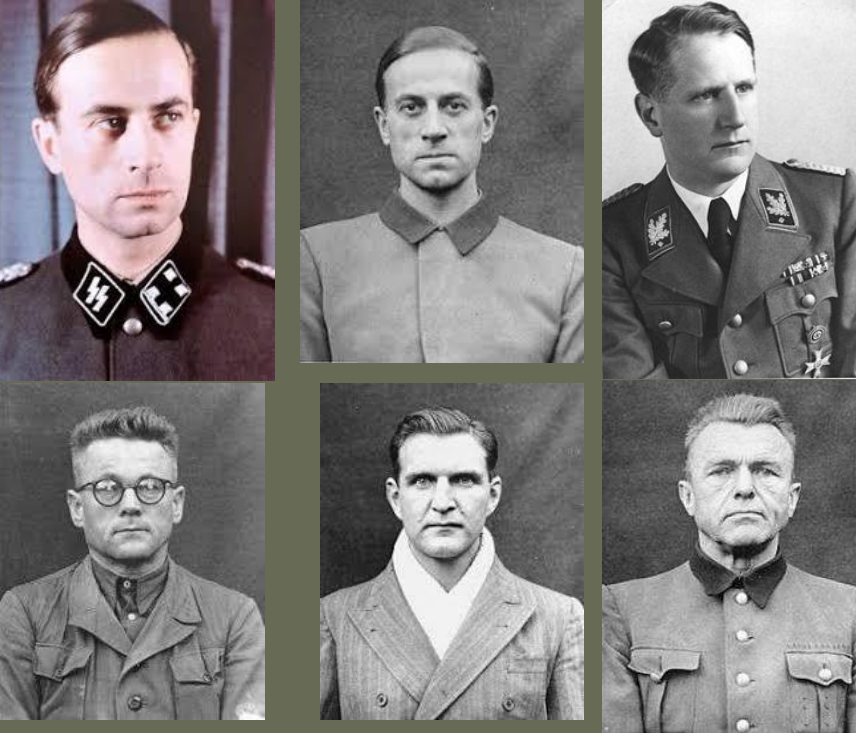
Experimental doctors were responsible for drugs, treatments and physical experiments on decompression, temperature exposure but also devising best extermination methods

Experiments on infection of limbs, twins, grafting, implants, pregnant women and many diverse atrocities were the domain of several doctors of whom Josef Mengele is most notorious

The “ordinary” SS doctors met train boxcars on arrival and sorted inmates immediately

SS Medical Corps—SANITATSSTAFFEL—central office Amt V





## Nuremberg—The Doctors Trial and Sequelae December 1946

Karl Brandt Hitler's Physician

Karl Brandt at Nuremberg

Leonardo Conti Head of Aktion T4 Euthanasia

Karl Gebhardt Himmler's Physician

Fritz Fischer Gebhardt's assistant

Karl August Chief of Waffen SS Medical Corps

Lord Moran (President R C Physicians) from June 1946

Chaired commission of medical war crimes

Including Psychiatrist/Eugenicist C P Blacker

Moran wanted:

Medical experts to examine German "medical research" according to Scientific Merit

Moran criticised Nuremberg US expert Alexander, publicity given to the Trial

Targeted Kenneth Mellanby for reviewing the Trial in BMJ

The role of Mellanby, his uncle, head of UK MRC should be examined

Mellanby did not want too sweeping condemnation at Nuremberg et sequelae

Resulting in criticism of Bevan's Socialist newborn NHS

with its provision for research

Moran played down Nuremberg results for fears of marginalizing research



# Nuremberg

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NO TRIAL

Churchill wanted summary execution

Lord Moran of Skipton (Churchill's  
Physician, later senior BMA leader) felt  
doctors were misled and should not be  
judged

## Nuremberg Code 1947

- 1) Voluntary Consent of Human subject with legal capacity, no duress, with understanding nature and purpose etc
- 2) Experiments –fruitful results for society—no other means.
- 3) Based on animal experimentation with anticipated results
- 4) Avoid unnecessary physical/mental suffering/injury
- 5) Not where a priori reason to believe death or injury—perhaps with physicians themselves as subjects
- 6) Degree of risk should never exceed that determined by humanitarian importance of the problem
- 7) Proper preparations and adequate facility to protect experimental subject
- 8) Experiments only by scientifically qualified
- 9) Human subject should be at liberty to bring the experiment to an end ...where continuation seems to him impossible
- 10) The Scientist in charge must be prepared to terminate the experiment at any stage...if likely to result in injury, disability, or death to the experimental subject.

Followed by Declaration of Helsinki 1964



# Declaration of Helsinki 1964

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WMA role from 1958  
Changed 6 times until 2008

Criticized as being a softening of Nuremberg Code  
Difference between Consent for therapeutic and non  
therapeutic clinical research

WMA Regarded Nuremberg code as specific to Nazi War  
Crimes

WMA Committee Post War

Dr Ernst Fromm SA and SS

President 1973-4

Dr Hans Joachim Sewering SS Dachau

Treasurer 1968-73



# After Nuremberg Genocide and Experimentation Continued

## EXPERIMENTATION WITH DEATHS RESULTING

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**British**—Parton Down 1952

Sarin Gas (Nazi invention)

Edgeware Arsenal

Psychiatrist William Sargent

**USA**

Public Health Service Tuskegee

blacks with Syphilis from 1932

until 1973-NO RX after stopping

JewishChronic Disease Hosp

Injections of CA cells 1963-Sloan

Kettering

CIA—Drugs, LSD, suicides

OLSEN (CIA agent)

Captured Diplomats

Prisoners, US Jails, Guantanamo

Soldiers

## GENOCIDE

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At Least 275 documented  
cases of Genocide

Huti/Tsutsi

Khmer Rouge and Pol Pot

Myanmar

Christians in China

Even Moriori 1814-17

New Zealand Indigenous

group transported to

Chatham Island—"Musket  
Wars"



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# What influences Medical Practitioners to Deviate from Altruistic Purpose

- 1) A Long Shadow, Nazi Doctors, Moral Vulnerability and Contemporary Medical Culture

Alessandra Colianni

(Johns Hopkins) J Medical Ethics (BMJ) vol38 no 7 2011

- 2)

RDC Personal  
Observations



# Influencing factors

## Application to ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL

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Doctors involvement in Torture/Murder Rarely discussed  
at Medical School

Personality: High Achievers

Hierarchical system: Professors to Students

Need to please these superiors, Fear of Failure, Fear of  
Looking a Fool  
Need for Advancement

Disguising of Reality or Horrors

Medical Jargon, Impersonal Records and cataloguing



# Influencing factors 2 MEDICAL CULTURE

1) Conformity to Professional Body, Peer pressure and Review

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2) Conformity to applied stipulations for income

Germany had a National Insurance Scheme from 1884

3) Today Dangerous control by large Medical Aids

Big Brother groups Auditing, particularly Hospital Groups

4) Doctors make decisions based on circumstance and situations,  
NOT moral right or wrong

Triage, Cost, Government controls, Today Medical Aids

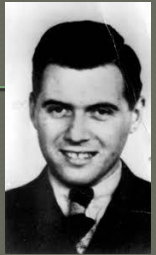
5) 1960s Stanley Milgram studies: Showed normal individuals inflict  
pain on Authority figure Instruction

6) Professional Milieu of Superior Knowledge, Social  
Superiority, Control, *Arrogance*



# Influencing Factors 3

## Pre Nuremberg Situation



What Changed Healers into Murderers in Germany

Pathological Experimental Doctors; Mengele(Auschwitz), Rasher (Dachau)and Pfanmuller (Aktion T4) , Fritz Klein(Belsen-Bergen)

“Banality of Evil” Hannah Arendt on Eichmann 1960s—Bureaucratic Mentality, “following orders”. Ambivalence with Heidegger association

There is no record of *any form of reprisal* for those not participating in Nazi programme

Doctors involved in Camp SELECTION PROCESS were YOUNG, and told they were FRONT LINE SOLDIERS

Fighting for a PURE ARYAN GERMAN PEOPLE

(The gangrenous appendix of the Jew must be removed to save the (body of) German People—Dr Fritz Klein SS)



# Influencing factors 4

## LICENCE TO SIN

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What are abnormal actions or assault in society---from Cadaver dissection to surgery

Aktion T4 programme decisions by doctors and medical students  
sanitized and legitimized murder

## INFLICTING PAIN

From Reflex Hammers to stitching and Radiation

## MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY and Euphemism

Dehumanizes/distances patients and actions---"A Case", "head" etc  
"Sacrifice Specimens" not Kill 20 mice

## DETACHMENT

Doctors at ease with Death, Pain, Morbidity

Empathy "left at work"—for survival--a separate "Doctor Self"

Young Auschwitz doctors called it "Anus Mundi"



# Heroes who stood out

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- ◉ Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1906 to 9 April 1945 (Flossenbergr Camp)
- ◉ Bishop Graf van Gaelen
- ◉ Protestant theologians
- ◉ Theophil Wurm---Wurttemberg
- ◉ Paul Gerhard Baune
- ◉ Friederich von Bodelschwingh
- ◉ Catholic theologians
- ◉ Adolf Bertarm
- ◉ Michael Faulhaber
- ◉ Doctors
- ◉ Alexander Mitscherlich
- ◉ Haakon Saerthe
- ◉ Walter Spielmeier
- ◉ Jules Tinel
- ◉ Johannes Pompe
- ◉ Max Nonne
- ◉ Karl Bonhoeffer Oswald Bumke
- ◉ 5 Students were part of White Rose resistance group
- ◉ Some Dutch physicians resisted and turned in their licences, practising privately

**Moral and Ethical Standards  
must not be recalibrated by  
Authority and Socialization**

**Ethical Grounding is essential in**  

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**Medical Training**

**The Shadow cast by Nazi  
Physicians must be escaped by  
guarding against Moral Erosion  
A Colaianni 2011**





The Test of a Moral  
Society is the kind of  
World that it leaves to  
its Children

Dietrich Bonhoeffer